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## BASES DEFENSE ON CHURCH LAW

Claimed That Bishop Moore Had Right to Criticize Mrs. Cope.

Kansas City, January 30.—Church law was introduced by the defense today in the trial of the suit in which Mrs. Carrie E. Cope, of Topeka, Kan., is seeking to recover \$50,000 from each of two defendants, Methodist Bishop Davis E. Moore, of Cincinnati, and Mrs. George O. Robinson, of Detroit, for alleged libel.

The law was outlined by Bishop Charles W. Smith, of St. Louis, who, while testifying, said that the bishops have power over all matters pertaining to the church, both temporal and spiritual, and that they have a right to criticize any member or official body of the church.

Mrs. Cope charged that Bishop Moore wrote a letter to Mrs. Robinson containing statements which injured her, that a church controversy in which she was involved formed the basis for the letter, and that the bishop had not made a proper investigation of the matter before writing the letter.

Several members testified that they conferred with the bishop before the letter was written.

## FLOODED RIVER AT STANDSTILL

Conditions Along Mississippi Are Believed to Be Much Improved.

Memphis, Tenn., January 30.—With the crest of the present high water passing New Madrid, near the southern border of Missouri, the Mississippi River was practically at a standstill at Memphis today, within an inch of the forty-foot stage. All levees along the central reaches of the river are holding, the work of repairing the spots considered weak has been completed, and danger of an overflow is fast disappearing.

While the crevasse at Beulah, Miss., continues to widen the situation south of Memphis is also regarded as materially improved. At Fellers, Miss., where some alarm was felt several days ago, the levee has been bolstered and engineers in charge of the work declare it will hold. Water coming through the Beulah crevasse is spreading slowly, but no town of importance is flooded.

## BARN BURNER A LITTLE GIRL

Craved Excitement, but Dying Dog's Howls Caused Her to Confess.

New Brunswick, N. J., January 30.—Ever since the fire which destroyed the barn building of Aaron Schoop of Monmouth Junction last Sunday, fifteen-year-old Julia Schlosser, whom Mrs. Schoop took recently from the State Home for Girls, had exclaimed repeatedly:

"I can't keep poor Carlo's howls out of my ear. I can hear him now."

Carlo, a watchdog of whom Julia had made a pet, had been chained in the barn and was so badly burned that he had to be shot.

"I am tired of hearing you say that," remarked Mrs. Schoop sharply at lunch today, for the woman had been fond of the dog and had grieved over its death. You speak just as though you had a guilty conscience and were responsible for poor Carlo's death."

To the woman's amazement, Julia, between hysterical sobs, confessed that she had started the fire because she was weary of the monotony of farm life and had craved some excitement. Mrs. Schoop immediately took the girl to justice of the Peace Barclay, of Dayton, to whom Julia repeated her confession. The State Home was notified and a matron called for the girl. She will be kept in the home until the authorities decide what action to take against her.

Julia is a remarkably pretty child. She was the daughter of two vaudeville performers. Her father died two years ago, and her mother put her in the home, saying that she was incorrigible.

**Fined for Cruelty.**  
For cruelly torturing a mule, Willie Anderson, a colored driver, was fined \$20 and costs and required to post \$100 bond for sixty days yesterday morning by Justice Crutchfield, in Police Court.

E. C. Taylor, agent for the S. P. C. A., J. S. Walk and Henry Stokes appeared as witnesses.

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